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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a list of references known to Applicants and/or his Attorney/ Agent in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each reference listed is also being submitted. Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, no fee is due.

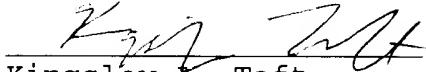
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. Nor does it constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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